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In re the Application of

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Application No.: 10/800,753

Group Art Unit: 2614

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For: TELEPHONE TERMINAL

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. The PTO 1449 filed with an Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 21, 2006 identifies references 2-5, which correspond to the attached English translation of the Notification of Reasons for Rejection issued in the corresponding Japanese patent application No. 2003-74223.

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Notification of Reasons for Rejection

Application Number : 2003-074223
Drafting Date : August 1, 2006
Examiner : Hiroshi Nishiwaki 8832 5G00
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Applicable Provision : Patent Law Section 29(2)

This application should be rejected for the following reasons. Should you have any argument against the rejection, please submit your argument in writing within 60 days from the date of dispatch of this notification.

Reasons

1. The inventions set forth in the following claims in this application should not be granted a patent under the provision of Patent Law Section 29 (2), as they could easily have been made, prior to the filing of the patent application, by a person with ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains, on the basis of inventions which were described in a distributed publication or made available to the public through electric telecommunication lines in Japan or elsewhere prior to the filing of the patent application.

Note (See a list of references)

Claims : 1-5

Reference : 1

Remarks :

In Reference 1 (see especially in claims 1-4, paragraphs 5 and 11-13, and Figures 1-3, etc.), a technique for switching between two simultaneous telephone calls in accordance with an operation of a user and recording/playing such telephone calls individually is disclosed.

Incidentally, it is merely a design matter to use a tone as a notification sound.

Claims : 6, 7

References : 1-3

Remarks :

In Reference 2, notification of information related to a record, with a notification sound, etc. is disclosed. Therefore, it could have easily been achieved by a person with ordinary skill in the art to generate a message notifying information of duration of an interruption.

In Reference 3 (paragraph 83), counting of a duration of the interruption of the recording and reproducing the duration on playback, is disclosed.

Claims : 8, 9

References : 1-4

Remarks :

In Reference 4, a technique for fading in/out an audio signal and other signal is disclosed.

Claims : 10

References : 1-4

Remarks :

The invention set forth in claim 10 should not be granted a patent under the same reasons as set forth above, since only an object to be protected by the invention is changed from a "telephone terminal" set forth in claims 1-9 to a "program" for executing functions thereof.

List of references

1. Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. HEI 11-252282
2. Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. HEI 09-284202
3. Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. HEI 10-326100
4. Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. 2000-106593

Record of Result of Prior Art Document Search

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- Prior Art Document Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. SHO 60-189359

This record of the result of the survey on prior art documents does not constitute the reasons of rejection.

If you have any inquiry or request for an interview concerning this notification, please contact below.

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